



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
SUPERFUND SITE STRATEGY RECOMMENDATION - REGION 06



Site Name: Cotton Insects Research Lab CERCLIS ID#: TX7120599884

Alias Site Names: Conservation & Production Laboratory TX-120599884

Address: 414 Ringold Road

City/County or Parish/State/Zip Code: Brownsville TX 78520

Report Type, Date, and Author: PA, July 1990, CURA Inc

RECOMMENDATION

☒ 1. Site Evaluation Accomplished (SEA)

☐ 2. Further Investigation Needed Under Superfund

☐ PA ☐ HRS Priority: ☐ High

☐ SI ☐ RA ☐ Low

☐ ESI ☐ RI/FS

☐ Other: _____

To be performed by: _____

☐ 3. Action Deferred to:

☐ RCRA ☐ NRC

NOTIFY AUTHORITY:

☐ Removal

☐ RCRA

☐ TSCA

☐ CAA

☐ SMCRA

☐ Remedial

☐ State

☐ NPDES

☐ NRC

☐ Resource Trustee: _____

☐ CERCLA Enforcement ☐ Federal Facility

☐ UIC

☐ SPCC

☐ Other: _____

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☐ ATSDR

☐ State Agency

☐ Other: _____

DISCUSSION: A Preliminary Assessment was evaluated for the site and it identified the site as an inactive facility. The facility operated from 1953 to 1988 and conducted research on parasitic nematodes, genetic resistance, and pesticide toxicology. The area is currently a holding facility for South American refugees.

The PA identified a disposal pit, building 14, and a spill area as areas of concern (AOCs). The groundwater and surface water pathways are the primary pathways likely to contribute significantly to a HRS score at this site. However, the groundwater is not used for drinking in the area; therefore, there are no targets to score the groundwater pathway. Surface water is unlikely to migrate from the site due to the low rainfall and moderate permeability of the surface soil. Furthermore, taking into consideration the present pathway characteristics, the site lacks a sufficient quantity of hazardous waste to elevate a HRS score above the cut-off limit. Therefore, a disposition of site evaluation accomplished (SEA) is designated and at this time, no further action under CERCLA is warranted.

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APPROVALS:

Report Reviewed by:
(Federal Facilities Coordinator)

Lon Biasco

Signature: 

Date: 3/15/93

Disposition Recommended by:
(Section Chief)

Eddie A. Sierra

Signature: 

Date: 3/15/93

Disposition Approved by:
(Branch Chief)

Betty Williamson

Signature: 

Date: 3/15/93